

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A carton adapted for storing and displaying stacked sheet material, the carton comprising a one-piece blank adapted to be folded in a manner resulting in a carton having

(a) a bottom panel with a first edge and a second edge,

(b) a first side wall and a second side wall, the bottom panel being joined to the first side wall along the first edge, the bottom panel being joined to the second side wall along the second edge, the first side wall comprising a first outer side wall and a first inner side wall, the first inner side wall being folded over and placed upon the first outer side wall such that a surface of the first outer side wall lies adjacent to and is in contact with an opposing surface of the first inner side wall, the first outer side wall being secured to the first inner side wall between the opposing surfaces;

(c) a first flap extending from the first inner side wall over at least a portion of the bottom panel, the first flap being secured to the bottom panel; and

(d) a first arch located on the first inner side wall, the first arch comprising a perforation line.

2. (Currently Amended) The carton of claim 1 in which a second flap extends from the second ~~inner~~ side wall over at least a portion of the bottom panel, the second flap being secured to the bottom panel.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1 in which the first flap is secured to the bottom panel by an adhesive.

5. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1 in which at least one tab is provided near the junction of the first flap with the first inner side wall.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The carton of claim 1 in which the carton selectively comprises:

(i) a relaxed position in which at least one of the first and second side walls are canted towards each other, and

(ii) a tensioned position in which the carton is adapted to be used for retaining sheet material is positioned between the first and second side walls, wherein the sheet material is held in place in part by pressure applied from the first or second side wall.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) A carton adapted for storing and displaying stacked sheet material, the carton comprising a one-piece blank adapted to be folded in a manner resulting in a carton having

(a) a bottom panel with a first edge and a second edge,

(b) a first side wall and a second side wall, the bottom panel being joined to the first side wall along the first edge, and the bottom panel being joined to the second side wall along the second edge, the first side wall comprising a first outer side wall and a first inner side wall, the second side wall comprising a second outer side wall and a second inner side wall; and

(c) a first flap and a second flap extending from the first inner side wall and second inner side wall respectively, the first and second flaps extending from each respective side wall and over the bottom panel, the first and second flaps being affixed to the bottom panel, wherein the first and second side walls are erected such that the first inner side wall is folded over and placed upon the first outer side wall so that a surface of the first outer side wall lies adjacent to and is in contact with an opposing surface of the first inner side wall and such that the second inner side wall is also folded over and placed upon the second outer side wall so that a surface of the second outer side wall lies adjacent to and is in contact with an opposing surface of the second inner side wall, the first inner side wall being secured to the first outer side wall between the opposing surfaces and the second inner side wall being secured to the second outer side wall between the opposing surfaces.

11. (Original) The carton of claim 10 in which at least a first tab on the first wall and a second tab on the second wall are provided.

12. (Currently Amended) The carton of claim 11 in which the carton selectively comprises:

(i) a relaxed position in which at least one of the first and second side walls are canted towards each other, and

(ii) a tensioned position in which the carton is adapted to be used for retaining sheet material is positioned between the first and second side walls, said sheet material being held in place in part by pressure from the first or second side wall upon the sheet material.

13. (Original) The carton of claim 12 in which the sheet material is a folded paper product.

14. (Original) The carton of claim 13 in which the folded paper product is a napkin.

15. (Original) The carton of claim 14 in which a decorative motif is applied to at least one side wall.

16. (Currently Amended) The carton of claim 14 in which access notches are provided in both the first and second side walls.

17. (Original) The carton of claim 10 in which adhesive is employed to affix the first and second flaps to the bottom panel.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 10 in which the first outer side wall is secured to the first inner side wall, and the second outer side wall is secured to the second inner side wall.

20. (Original) The carton of claim 19 in which the securing of said side walls is provided by adhesive.

21. (Previously Presented) A sheet material dispenser, comprising:

(a) a bottom panel having a first edge and a second edge,

(b) a first side wall and a second side wall, the bottom panel being joined to the first side wall at the first edge and the second side wall at the second edge, the first side wall comprising a first outer side wall and a first inner side wall, the second side wall comprising a second outer side wall and a second inner side wall;

(c) a first flap and a second flap extending from the first inner side wall and second inner side wall respectively, the first and second flaps extending from each respective side wall and over the bottom panel, the first and second flaps being affixed to

the bottom panel, wherein the first and second side walls are erected such that the first inner side wall is folded over and placed upon the first outer side wall so that a surface of the first outer side wall lies adjacent to and is in contact with an opposing surface of the first inner side wall and such that the second inner side wall is also folded over and placed upon the second outer side wall so that a surface of the second outer side wall lies adjacent to and is in contact with an opposing surface of the second inner side wall, the first inner side wall being secured to the first outer side wall between the opposing surfaces and the second inner side wall being secured to the second outer side wall between the opposing surfaces; and

(d) first and second tabs positioned along the first and second edges of the bottom panel, respectively, the tabs being adapted to assist in maintaining erect the first and second side walls, thereby facilitating containment of stacked sheet material for transport or display.

22. (Currently Amended) The dispenser of claim 21 in which the dispenser is adapted to be used for retaining sheet material comprises comprising napkins.

23. (Currently Amended) A system for transporting and displaying sheet material in a three-sided carton, the system comprising:

(a) a bottom panel having a first edge and a second edge,

(b) a first side wall and a second side wall, the bottom panel being joined to the first side wall at the first edge and the second side wall at the second edge, the first side comprising a first outer side wall and a first inner side wall, the second side comprising a second outer side wall and a second inner side wall, the first and second sides walls being held generally erect;

(c) the system being adapted to retain sheet material stacked upon the bottom panel, said sheet material being positioned between the first side wall and the second side wall, the sheet material comprising a plurality of napkins; and

(d) a removable outer protective wrap configured to encase and surround the carton.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23 further comprising:
first and second tabs positioned along the first and second edges of the bottom panel, respectively, the tabs being adapted to assist in maintaining erect the first

and second sides walls, thereby facilitating containment of stacked sheet material for transport or display.

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 24 further comprising a means for maintaining ~~in which the first and second sides walls are maintained~~ in tensioned relation.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25 in which a first flap extends from the first side ~~wall~~ and is secured to the bottom panel.

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26 in which a second flap extends from the second side ~~wall~~ and is secured to the bottom panel.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26 in which the first flap is secured to the bottom panel by ~~adhesion~~ an adhesive.

29. (Original) The system of claim 23 in which the carton is a one-piece carton.

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23 in which the carton selectively comprises:

(i) a relaxed position in which at least one of the first and second sides walls are canted towards each other, and

(ii) a tensioned position in which the carton is adapted to be used for retaining sheet material is positioned between the first and second sides walls, said sheet material being held in place in part by pressure from the first or second side ~~wall~~ upon the sheet material.

31. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 2, wherein the second side wall comprises a second outer side wall and a second inner side wall, the second outer side wall being secured to the second inner side wall.

32. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 31, further comprising a second arch located on the second inner side wall, the second arch comprising a perforation line.

33. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1, wherein the first flap is separated from the first inner side wall by a fold line, the first arch being spaced from the fold line, and wherein the first inner side wall is not secured to the first outer side wall in between the first arch and the fold line.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1, wherein the one-piece blank comprises a paper blank.

37. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 10, further comprising a first arch comprising a perforation line located on the first inner side wall and a second arch also comprising a perforation line located on the second inner side wall.

38. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 37, wherein the first flap is separated from the first inner side wall by a first fold line, the first arch being spaced from the first fold line, and wherein the first inner side wall is not secured to the first outer side wall in between the first arch and the first fold line, and wherein the second flap is separated from the second inner side wall by a second fold line, the second arch being spaced from the second fold line, and wherein the second inner side wall is not secured to the second outer side wall in between the second arch and the second fold line.